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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD OPERATIONS CULMINATE IN ARREST WARRANTS FOR 36 INDIVIDUALS FOR CRIMES RANGING FROM MURDER-FOR- HIRE, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF MACHINEGUNS, SILENCERS AND PIPE BOMBS.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced that on July 8, 2003, two separate Project Safe Neighborhoods Operations culminated in arrest warrants for 36 individuals, some of the individuals arrested are members or associates of outlaw motorcycle gang "Hells Angels". Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nation initiative instituted by the Attorney General of the United States, John Ashcroft, to prevent and reduce gun violence in the State of Arizona and make sure the most violent offenders receive lengthy sentences. These investigations were connected by the use of two ATF undercover officers and one Phoenix Police Department Detective who infiltrated the

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“Hells Angels”. These investigations involved unprecedented cooperation among law enforcement personnel since over 524 local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel participated in the arrests of the indicted individuals and the search warrants.

The indictments charge crimes range from violations of federal firearms laws for sale of machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, and silencers; murder-for hire; sale and distribution of narcotics; and sale of destructive devices and explosives. The investigation spanned the entire State of Arizona including large cities like Phoenix and Tucson as well as rural communities like Golden Valley and Fort Mohave. The cities involved in these investigations include: Fort Mohave, Bullhead City, Golden Valley, Kingman, Chandler, Chino Valley, Flagstaff, Marana, Mesa, Prescott Valley, Phoenix and Tucson. Four Hells Angels Club Houses in Chino Valley, Flagstaff, Tucson, and Cave Creek were searched.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Phoenix Police Department. The following law enforcement agencies assisted with the arrests and searches: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Public Safety, Tempe Police Department, Glendale Police Department, (I know there are others which ATF will need to fill in).

The following individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury:

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

NAME	DOB	Address	CR #	Charge	Violation/Penalties
Dennis Denbesten	10/31/1956	Bullhead, AZ	03-706-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. & Aiding and Abetting (Cts. 1, 5, 6, and 7); Felon in Possession of Firearm & Aiding and Abetting (Cts. 2 & 3); Illegal Possession of Unregistered Firearms & Aiding and Abetting (Ct. 4); Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Cts. 8 and 9)	21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B) & 18:2; 5 to 40 years imprisonment; \$2,000,000 max. fine (Cts. 1, 5, 6, and 7) 18:922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and 18:2; 10 years max., \$250,000 fine (Cts. 2 & 3) 26:5861(d); 5871 and 18:2; \$250,00 and/or 10 years or both(Ct. 4) 21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and

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					18:2; 20 years imprisonment max. and \$1,000,00 fine (Cts. 8 and 9)
Dolly Denbesten	Unknown	Bullhead, AZ	03-706-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. & Aiding and Abetting (Ct. 1)	21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B) & 18:2; 5 to 40 years imprisonment; \$2,000,000 max. fine (Ct. 1)
Daniel Guterrez	Unknown	Unknown	03-704-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Cts. 1 and 2); Possession of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime (Ct. 3); Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Ct. 4)	21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 fine (Cts. 1 and 2) 18:924(c); an additional term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years (Ct. 3) 18:922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2); 10 years max and/or \$250,000 (Ct. 4)
Rudy Jaime	4/28/1973	Prescott Valley, AZ	03-703-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Ct. 1); Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Meth. And Marijuana (Ct. 2); Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. & Aiding and Abetting (Ct. 3); Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana & Aiding and Abetting (Ct. 4); Possession of a Firearm in relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime (Cts. 5 & 6); User of Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm (Ct. 7)	21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 fine (Ct. 1) 21:846, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and 841(b)(1)(D); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 fine (Ct. 2) 21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) & 18:2; 20 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine (Ct. 3) 21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(D); and 18:2; 5 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine (Ct. 4) 21:924(c); an additional term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years (Cts. 5 & 6) 18:922(g)(3) and 924(a)(2); 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine max. (Ct. 7)
Mark R. Krupa	7/16/1955	Unknown	03-705-PHX	User of Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm (Ct. 1); Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Cts. 2 & 4); Possession of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime (Cts. 3 and 5)	18:922(g)(3) and 924(a)(2); 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine max. (Ct. 1) 21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 max. fine (Ct. 2) 18:924(c); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 max. Fine and an additional term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years (Cts. 3 and 5)
James Leavitt	Unknown	Unknown	03-699-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Ct. 1)	21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 max. fine (Ct. 1)
Kasey Meade	Unknown	Unknown	03-700-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Ct. 1)	21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000 max. fine (Ct. 1)
Calvin B. Schaefer	6/11/1969	Chandler, Az	03-707-PHX	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. (Cts. 1 and	21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); 20 years imprisonment; \$1,000,000

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				4); Possession of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime (Cts. 2 and 5); User of Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm (Ct. 3);	max. fine (Cts. 1 and 4) 18:924(c); \$1,000,000; 20 years imprisonment and an additional term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years (Cts. 2 and 5) 18:922(g)(3) and 924(a)(2); 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fin max. (Ct. 3)
Andrew W. Murphy	11/18/55	Phoenix, AZ	03-701-PHX	Poss w/Intent to Distrib Meth, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); Poss of Firearm in Relation to Drug Traff Crime (Count 3)	21:841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1)(C) (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); 18:924(c) (Ct. 3); 18:2 (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Douglas Dam	3/17/57	Tucson, AZ	03-702-PHX	Felon in Poss Firearm, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1-17, 19 and 20); Illegal Poss Unregistered Firearms, Aid & Abet (Ct. 18)	18:922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) & 2; (Cts. 1-17-, 19 & 20); 26:586(d) & 5871 and 18:2; 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Kymberly Ann Hunter	2/25/70	Phoenix, AZ	03-701-PHX	Poss w/Intent to Distrib Meth, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); Poss of Firearm in Relation to Drug Traff Crime (Count 3)	21:841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1)(C) (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); 18:924(c) (Ct. 3); 18:2 (Cts. 1, 2 & 4); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Craig Thomas Kelly	7/2/52	Tucson, AZ	03-702-PHX	Felon in Poss Firearm, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1-17, 19 and 20); Illegal Poss Unregistered Firearms, Aid & Abet (Ct. 18)	18:922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) & 2; (Cts. 1-17-, 19 & 20); 26:586(d) & 5871 and 18:2; 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Billy Schmidt	6/11/58	Bullhead City, AZ	03-696-PHX	Felon in Possession of Firearms, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1, 3 & 6); Illegal Poss Unregistered Firearms (Ct 2); Poss w/Intent to Distrib Meth, Aid & Abet (Ct 4); Poss Firearm in Relation to Drug Trafficking Crime, Aid & Abet (Ct. 5)	18:922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) (Cts. 1, 3 & 6); 16:5861(d) & 5871 (Ct. 2); 21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(c) & 18:2 (Ct. 4); 18:924(c) & 2 (Ct. 5); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
George E. Walters	11/26/56	Kingman, AZ	03-698-PHX	Transfer of Firearm to Commit Crime of Viol, Aid & Abet	18:924(h) & 2; 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Rodman Ward	11/11/72	Kingman, AZ	03-686-PHX	Poss w/Intent to Distrib. Meth, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1-2); Poss of Firearm in Relation to Drug Traff Crime, Aid & Abet (Ct. 3)	21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B) & 18:2 (Cts 1-2); 18:924(c) & 2 (Ct. 3); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Henry Watkins	5/2/39	Tucson, AZ	03-697-PHX	Illegal poss of Unregis Firearms (ct. 1); Poss w/Intent to Distrib Meth, Aid & Abet (Ct. 2)	26:5861(h), 5842 & 5871 (Ct. 1); 21:841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(c) & 18:2 (Ct. 2); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Duane Williams	Unknown	Fugitive	03-685-PHX	Felon in Possession of Firearm	18:922(g)(1) & 924(a)(2) (Cts. 1-3); 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both

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Douglas Wistrom	12/15/57	Phoenix, AZ	03-702-PHX	Felon in Poss Firearm, Aid & Abet (Cts. 1-17, 19 and 20); Illegal Poss Unregistered Firearms, Aid & Abet (Ct. 18)	18:922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) & 2; (Cts. 1-17-, 19 & 20); 26:586(d) & 5871 and 18:2; 10 years and \$250,000 and/or both
Robert Franklin Abraham	11/01/54	Bullhead City, AZ	03-385-PCT	Willful Failure to Properly Maintain a Licensed Firearms Dealer's Records (Counts 1,2,4 and 7) Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Silencer (Count 5) Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Short Barreled Rifle (Count 6)	18:922(b)(5) & 924(a)(1)(D) (Counts 1, 2, 4, and & 7 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5841 & 5871 (Count 5 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5841 & 5871 (Count 6 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
*John Wayne Core	03/08/68	Bullhead City, AZ	03-385-PCT	Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Any Other Weapon (Count 3); Unlawful Possession Of An Unregistered Silencer (Count 5)	26:5861(d), 5841 & 5871 (Count 3 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5841 & 5871 (Count 5 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
*John Wayne Core	3/18/68	Bullhead City, AZ	02-832-PHX	Conspiracy-Aid & Abet (Count 1) Unlawful Possession and Transfer of a Machinegun-Aid & Abet (Count 2)	18: 371 and 2, (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); Unlawful Possession and Transfer of a Machinegun-Aid & Abet, (Count 2 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
David Wayne Dolat	12/06/59	Rivera, AZ	03-684-PCT	Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of a Murder-For-Hire	18:1958 (Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,00 and/or both)
Timothy Holt	7/22/67	Bullhead City, AZ	03-313-PCT	Conspiracy-Aid & Abet (Count 1) Unlawful Possession of Unregistered Firearm (Counts 2-8)	18:371 & 2, (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both; 26:5841, 5861(d) & 5871, (Counts 2-8 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Dennis Lee Miller	7/22/65	Bullhead City, AZ	03-313-PCT	Conspiracy-Aid & Abet (Count 1) Unlawful Possession of Unregistered Firearm (Counts 2-8)	18:371 & 2, (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both; 26:5841, 5861(d) & 5871, (Counts 2-8 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Robert Wayne Mann	6/25/65	Bullhead City, AZ	03-682-PCT	Willful Failure to Maintain a Licenses Dealer's Records	18:922(b)(5) & 924(a)(1)(D), (Counts 1&2 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
*Sean Edwin McManama	4/12/68	Fort Mohave, AZ	03-832-PHX	Conspiracy-Aid & Abet (Count 1) Unlawful Possession and Transfer of Machineguns-Aid & Abet (Count 2 and 3) Unlawful Possession of a Firearm With an Obliterated Serial Number (Count 4)	18:371 & 2, (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:922(o), 924(a)(2) and 2, (Counts 2 and 3 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:922(k) and 924(a)(1)(B), (Count 4 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
*Sean Edwin McManama	4/12/68	4296 El Toro Fort Mohave, AZ	03-313-PCT	Conspiracy-Aid & Abet (Count 1)	18:371 & 2, (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both);
Albert Schweibinz	3/25/41	Bullhead City, AZ	03-386-PCT	Dealing in Firearms Without a License (Count 1) Unlawful Possession of An Any Other Weapon (Count 2)	18:922(a)(1)(A) and 924(a)(1)(D) (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5841 & 5871 (Count 2 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)

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Thomas Andrew Paine	11/21/59	Kingman, AZ	03-670-PCT	Conspiracy (Count 1) Unlawful Possession of Weapons Made From Shotguns-Aid and Abet (Counts 2 and 3)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5871 and 2 (Counts 2 and 3 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
George Edward Harrison	1/5/48	Golden Valley, AZ	03-670-PCT	Conspiracy (Count 1) Unlawful Possession of Weapons Made From Shotguns-Aid and Abet (Counts 2 and 3)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d), 5871 and 2 (Counts 2 and 3 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Thomas Loyde Vezie	5/11/65	Kingman, AZ	03-374-PCT	Possession of an Unregistered Device (Counts 1-8)	26:5861(d) (Counts 1-8 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Varnell Nichols	11/13/33	Fort Mohave, AZ	02-430-PCT-RCB	Conspiracy (Count 1); Dealing in Firearms Without a License (Count 2); Possession Of Unregistered Weapons Made From Shotguns (Counts 4-6)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:922(a)(1)(A) & 924(a)(1)(D) (Count 2 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 26:5861(d) & 5871 (Counts 4-6 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Frank Burnette	10/28/48	Fort Mohave, AZ	02-430-PCT	Conspiracy (Count 1); Dealing in Firearms Without a License (Count 3)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:922(a)(1)(A) & 924(a)(1)(D) (Count 3 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Scott Joseph Varvil	3/07/60	Kingman, AZ	03-640-PCT	Unlawful Possession of Machineguns (Count 1)	18:922(o)(1) & 924(a)(2) (Count 1 Penalty 10 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Robert Raymond Van Arsdale	7/10/42	Kingman, AZ	03-683-PCT	Conspiracy to Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of a Murder-For-Hire (Count 1); Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of a Murder-For-Hire (Count 2)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:1958 & 2 (Count 2 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Albert William Jascoe	2/20/49	Cave Junction, OR	03-683-PCT	Conspiracy to Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of a Murder-For-Hire (Count 1); Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of a Murder-For-Hire (Count 2)	18:371 (Count 1 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both); 18:1958 & 2 (Count 2 Penalty 5 yrs./\$250,000 and/or both)
Thomas James Palmer	5/17/60	Golden Valley, AZ	03-594-PCT	Conspiracy to Possess Oxycodone With Intent to Distribute (Count 1); Use and Carrying of Firearms During and in Relation to Drug Trafficking Offenses (Counts 2, 4 and 6); Possession of Oxycodone With Intent to Distribute (Count 3 and 5)	21:846 (Count 1 Penalty 20 yrs./\$1,000 and/or both); 18:924(c)(1)(A)(i) (Counts 2, 4 and 6 Penalty Life/\$250,000 and/or both); 21:841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C) (Counts 3 and 5 Penalty 20 yrs./\$1,000 and/or both)
Debra Dawn Palmer	3/17/56	Golden Valley, AZ	03-594-PCT	Conspiracy to Possess Oxycodone With Intent to Distribute (Count 1)	21:846 (Count 1 Penalty 20 yrs./\$1,000 and/or both)

* Defendant is charged in two separate indictments.

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The prosecutions are being handled by Mike Kemp, Assistant United States Attorney, James Lee Burke, Assistant United States Attorney, Frederick A. Battista, Assistant United States Attorney and Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Lee and Emory Hurley, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

CASE NUMBERS: CR-03-683-PCT, CR-03-684-PCT, CR-03-313-PCT, CR-03-374-PCT, CR-03-385-PCT, CR-030682-PCT, CR-03-670-PCT, CR-02-832-PCT, CR-02-430-PCT, CR-03-386-PCT, CR-03-640-PCT and CR-03-03-594-PCT.

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